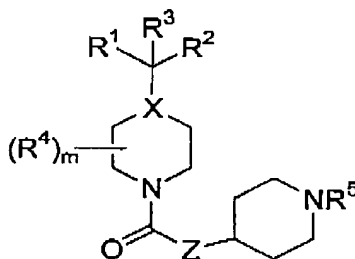


**Amendment to the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 46, lines 2-8, **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION:** Please amend the Abstract of the Invention as shown below:

In its many embodiments, the present invention provides a novel class of compounds as inhibitors of type 3 17 $\beta$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, methods of preparing such compounds, pharmaceutical compositions containing one or more such compounds, methods of preparing pharmaceutical formulations comprising one or more such compounds, and methods of treatment, prevention, inhibition, or amelioration of one or more diseases associated with type 3 17 $\beta$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase using such compounds or pharmaceutical compositions. In one embodiment, the present invention discloses a compound having the general structure shown in Formula I:



**Formula I**

wherein the various moieties are as defined herein.